IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Joseph Peter Hubert Maria MERTENS

Serial No.: 10/511,339 Examiner: A.K. Pechhold

Filed: October 15, 2004 Art Unit: 3671

For: BARRIER ELEMENT

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF RESPONSE PERIOD UNDER 35 U.S.C. §41(a)(8)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Petition is hereby made to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the period for response to the Quayle Action mailed October 4, 2006, for two months, so as to expire February 4, 2007.

Submitted herewith electronically, via credit card is the extension fee inclusive of the amount of \$450.00 in payment of:

	Extension for response filed within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and §1.17(a)(1) [\$120.00 (\$60.00, if qualified small entity)].
XX	Extension for response filed within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and §1.17(a)(2) [\$450.00 (\$225.00, if qualified small entity)].
	Extension for response filed within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and §1.17(a)(3). [\$1020.00 (\$510.00, if qualified small entity)].
	Extension for response filed within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and §1.17(a)(4). [\$1590.00 (\$795.00, if qualified small entity)].

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 19-4375.

		Respectfully submitted,	
January 17, 2007		/anthony p venturino/	
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